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E.O. 11652: GDS
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SUBJ: HAFERKAMP VISIT TO ROMANIA

1. EC COMMISSION VICE PRESIDENT HAFERKAMP'S CHEF DE CABINET (FROSCHMAIER) TELEPHONED AMBASSADOR FEBRUARY 2 TO SAY THAT HAFERKAMP WOULD BE MAKING OFFICIAL VISIT TO BUCHAREST FEBRUARY 20, DEPARTING BRUSSELS FEBRUARY 18. FROSCHMAIER SAID THAT FOCUS OF HAFERKAMP'S TRIP WILL BE ON BILATERAL EC/ROMANIAN RELATIONS AS WELL AS ON DEVELOPMENTS IN NEGOTIATIONS TOWARD AN EC/CEMA AGREEMENT. HAFERKAMP WANTS IN PARTICULAR TO ASSESS TRENDS TOWARD OR AWAY FROM SOVIET INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC POLICY.

2. FROSCHMAIER ASKED IF WE COULD PROVIDE BACKGROUND MATERIAL WHICH MIGHT BE PERTINENT TO HAFERKAMP'S DISCUSSIONS IN BUCHAREST. HE PROMISED TO BRIEF US ON RESULT OF HAFERKAMP'S TRIP UPON RETURN. HE ALSO ASKED IF IT WERE TRUE THAT CEAUSESCU MIGHT VISIT
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THE UNITED STATES SHORTLY.

3. COMMENT:

IN VIEW OF EXPECTED RESUMPTION OF EC/CEMA NEGOTIATIONS SOME TIME THIS SPRING (PROBABLY IN MAY), HAFERKAMP'S UPCOMING DISCUSSIONS WITH ROMANIANS, FIRST HIGH-LEVEL

CONTACT BETWEEN COMMISSION AND ROMANIAN CEMA PRESIDENCY
SINCE OPENING OF FORMAL NEGOTIATIONS LAST FALL (77
BRUSSELS 12502), TAKE ON IMPORTANT ADDED DIMENSION.

4. ACTION REQUESTED:

WHILE MISSION HAS FREQUENTLY BEEN RECIPIENT OF USEFUL
REPORTING FROM EMBASSY BUCHAREST, WE DO NOT HAVE ANY
RECENT OVERALL WASHINGTON ASSESSMENT OF DEVELOPMENTS
IN ROMANIA. WE WOULD THEREFORE APPRECIATE MATERIAL ON
ROMANIAN INTERNAL POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC SITUATIONS,
ROMANIA'S EXTERNAL RELATIONS, AND EXPECTATIONS CONCERNING
CEAUSESCU VISIT TO U.S., WHICH WE MIGHT PASS TO HAFERKAMP.
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